

HB 1076 -- LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (49)

This bill establishes an advisory committee, coordinated by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, to track the language development milestones of children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth through the age of eight. The advisory committee shall consist of 13 members as specified in the bill and shall expire on July 1, 2019

By January 31, 2019, the advisory committee shall develop specific action plans and make recommendations necessary to implement the assessment program.

Beginning July 1, 2019, an annual language assessment will be given to specified children through either certain early intervention services or the school district in which the child is enrolled.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the State School for the Deaf shall enter into interagency agreements with the commission to share statewide aggregated data. By January 31, 2019 and each January 31 thereafter, the commission shall publish a report that is specific to language and literacy developmental milestones of children who are deaf or hard of hearing for each age from birth through the age of eight.

This bill is similar to SB 51 (2017).